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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.



STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

It has been the custom of our Christmas Commemorative, at the close of the harvest season, to call upon the people to render thanks and praise to God for His many mercies to His dependent children.

Thanksgiving and Praise.

Thursday, the Twenty-first Day of November, Instant.

As a day of

Thanksgiving and Praise.

Retribution on the day from all consecrated labor and industry, to the temples of worship, and at the family fireside, offer grateful tributes of praise and hope for God's gracious favors.

And in the presence of families, kindred, and friends may the love of home and the affection for our Commonwealth be strengthened, and may the theory of our thankfulness and great and good and generous in deeds of charity and kindness towards the poor and unfortunate.

Given at Augusta, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.

HENRY B. CLEVELAND.

By the Governor.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Secretary of State.

Bryanism is Dead.

Later and more complete returns of the election come in slowly, but are of a character calculated to carry joy into the homes and confidence into business circles.

All the despatches confirm the early news of the great victory. Thursday afternoon Chairman Hanna issued the latest statement of the situation available at this hour. It was based on official returns from a sufficient number of States to give McKinley and Hobart 255 electoral votes, with the most encouraging prospects of adding twenty-six more to the grand total.

A more significant fact, however, is showing public sentiment is found in the popular vote of which the republican candidates have won a million plurality.

It has often been held that a candidate having a majority of the electoral votes might not represent the popular choice, but Bryan is denied this opportunity. Not only is he beaten in the electoral college, but an overwhelming preponderance of the voters have repudiated both the Popocratic candidate and his cause.

It is idle for Jones, Bryan, Algeid and other members of the aggregation of repudiators and revolutionists to point to 1890 as the appointed time for the triumph of the silver mine owners' cause. If ever it was destined to appeal to the voters this was the year. The country has been suffering from the effects of a long business depression, thousands of men were out of employment and the element of discontent was naturally to be found everywhere. It is at such times the people are apt to accept the insidious doctrines of political quacks. They gave the silver men a fair hearing; they studied the situation with a degree of care rarely if ever manifested in any previous campaign and wisely and deliberately decided that the free coinage of silver would aggravate rather than alleviate the depressed condition of the country.

Their minds once made up they turned a deaf ear to the appeals to mere prejudice, the attempt to array class against class, and when election day came went to the polls and gave the greatest popular verdict against Bryan and Bryanism ever recorded in this country. The result of that decision will be to re-establish business confidence and start the country upon a new era of prosperity.

Every mill that increases its operations, every new enterprise that is inaugurated, or existing enterprise that is revived, is an argument against another such agitation as that through which the country has just passed. It is beyond the power of the discredited coterie of "statesmen" to resurrect Bryan or Bryanism. The people have settled that fact at the polls and their decision is bound to be vindicated in the business conditions sure to follow. Indeed the improved tone in business circles is already manifesting itself now that the monies has been removed.

Jones at Last Concedes Defeat.

It is evident that Chairman Jones is seeking to poison the public mind by his frequent assertions. Ever since Tuesday's verdict he has been issuing these hollow to the country claiming that he knew it was Bryan, although he failed to sign any grounds for his predictions, other than that he has received "private services," the papers and sources of which he has carefully withheld. Coupled with these assertions has been the assertion that the Democrats were resorting to fraud in order to gain the "votes." These assertions have been refuted by the fact that the Democrats have not been able to secure a single vote in any of the States where they were running.

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Algeid's Defeat.

One of the most pleasing features of the election is the defeat of Governor Algeid in Illinois. A man of an unimpaired ability to represent everything that is dangerous in our politics. He cruised his following from the very worst elements of society and never hesitated to cater to their wishes when it was necessary to maintain his allegiance. His connection with the Chicago riots and the pardoning of the convicted anarchists serve to illustrate the kind of a man Algeid is. He was confident of his reelection and took his defeat very hard. In an interview he denounces the better element of the Democratic party that declined to accept the Chicago platform, and says although the Republicans have won the election this year the free silver forces will triumph in 1900. In the meantime Algeid can be counted upon to demand the insertion of the "gold clause" in all of his laws.

John Bull Anxious.

As a matter of "policy" the Westminster Gazette advises Mr. McKinley to let the tariff alone. No doubt that would be an excellent "policy" for England, but President McKinley will be more interested in the United States than he is in England. It is perfectly why the English papers are so solicitous concerning the tariff. The London Financial News bluntly stated the reason when it said the existing tariff law had proved the "salvation" of British industry. The mills over there have been running on full time and in many instances on extra time, while our mills have been idle. The "policy" of the incoming Administration will be to open the mills in this country; the policy for which the American people voted on Tuesday last.

Depew Interviewed.

Mr. Depew had a conversation with a representative of the Boston Advertiser Wednesday in which he said:

"I will tell you who that fellow Jones reminds me of. There was a fellow in New York once named De Soto, who was the manager of the American side of the first Atlantic cable. It was laid, and the cable and the Queen sent a message to the President, and the President sent back another to the Queen. Then the cable broke and there were no more messages."

"The stockholders were wild, and sent messages after messages to De Soto, who replied to each, 'It's all right, and again 'It's all right.' But there came no messages from the other side, so finally they went down to De Soto's office. They pushed open the door and there he sat, asleep at his desk, his mouth wide open. A crowbar had been spun by a spider, and the other side of the cable, and he was talking in his sleep and the visitors could hear him mutter, 'It's all right.' 'It's all right.' 'It's all right.'"

"That's the way it is with Jones. While McKinley is being inaugurated, Jones of Missouri will be opening his mouth sleepily and saying, 'It's all right.' 'It's all right.' 'It's all right.'"

"I asked Mr. Depew what he considered would be the result of McKinley's election. He said he believed that there will be a material change for the better in business and financial conditions. I do not think it will be immediate or revolutionary," said he thoughtfully, "but I believe it will be a movement ahead, then a little back, then more ahead again, illustrating the progress of prosperity by slow movements of his finger on the table, but none the less, a progressive advance culminating within a few years in a positive boom."

"It will be a time in which wise men can get out of debt; when people can get rid of what they have to sell, if they do not hold on too hard; when there will be goods to sell, and there will be money to buy."

"Down in New York we are only faintly glad of our escape and the escape of the country from the most dangerous of all enemies, both financial and commercial, that this country has ever seen. Had Mr. Bryan been elected I believe the crash would have been greater, that the stock exchange would have been closed, and in six months or less half the banking and business houses in New York, Boston and Chicago would have been bankrupt. We had a straw the Saturday before the possibility of Bryan's election sent money on call to 100 p. c. had been elected money would have gone to 300 p. c. yes, and more. Money could not have been had on any terms, credit would have been throttled and the receivers would have done the rest. The crash would have been greater, that the stock exchange would have been closed, and in six months or less half the banking and business houses in New York, Boston and Chicago would have been bankrupt. 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